Rangeland Restoration Awards 2026

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ABOUT HIM

- A pastoral bio-economist and researcher specializing in rangeland restoration and pastoral livelihoods.
- Born into a traditional pastoralist family, bringing firsthand knowledge of indigenous livestock systems.
- Founder of Thozhuvam Trust and India's first pastoralist-led Farmer Producer Company (FPCL).
- Integrates traditional knowledge, ecological science, and digital innovation to strengthen rangeland conservation and climate resilience.
- Member of the IYRP Pastoral Economy Working Group.

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- Awareness for protection of Traditional grazing landscapes, village commons, grasslands, pasturelands, water bodies, and livestock corridors across Madurai and southern Tamil Nadu, India.
- Support indigenous livestock breeds such as Pulikulam cattle and Kilakarisal sheep, sustain pastoral livelihoods and improve soil fertility through penning system of giving manure to farmers field.

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

- **Restored Rangelands:** Led community-based restoration of grazing commons across a 100-km pastoral landscape in southern Tamil Nadu.
- **Strengthened Pastoral Communities:** Built a network of 400+ pastoralists, 600+ buffaloes, conserving 25,000+ Pulikulam cattle and 30,000+ Kilakarisal sheep.
- **Promoted Regenerative Grazing:** Revived eco-penning practices, benefiting 1,000 acres of farmland annually and strengthening farmer–herder collaboration.
- **Developed Digital Innovation:** Created TUNAI, an AI-enabled platform for livestock management, grazing coordination, and rangeland monitoring.
- **Strengthened Livelihoods & Policy:** Established pastoralist-led Farmer Producer Company, improving market access for livestock products and revive Jallikattu-cultural festival of Tamil Nadu.